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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The following comments are intended to be fully responsive to the restriction requirement advanced in the Official Action dated October 5, 2009, which set a nominal response due date of November 5, 2009.

Specifically, applicants hereby elect for further prosecution the invention defined by Group I, including claims 1-12 drawn toward a process for manufacturing a prosthetic joint.

Claims 13-16 directed toward a patentably distinct invention non-elected for prosecution herein have been retained in the application for the time being. However, the Examiner is authorized to cancel such non-elected claims without prejudice to the applicants' rights under 35 USC §121 in the event that the elected claims are otherwise deemed to be in condition for allowance.

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Fee Authorization

No fee is believed to be due with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140.

Respectfully submitted,

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